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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT (Month of November, 1983)

The number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during November decreased by three from the October total. According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest monthly report, the November total, was 495, down one vessel and two land crews from October.

The November total (495) represents a decrease of less than 1% from last month, a 1% decrease from November, 1982, a 33% decrease from November, 1981, a 13% decrease from November, 1980, a 13% increase over November, 1979, a 34% increase over November 1978, and a gain of 48% over the same month in 1977.

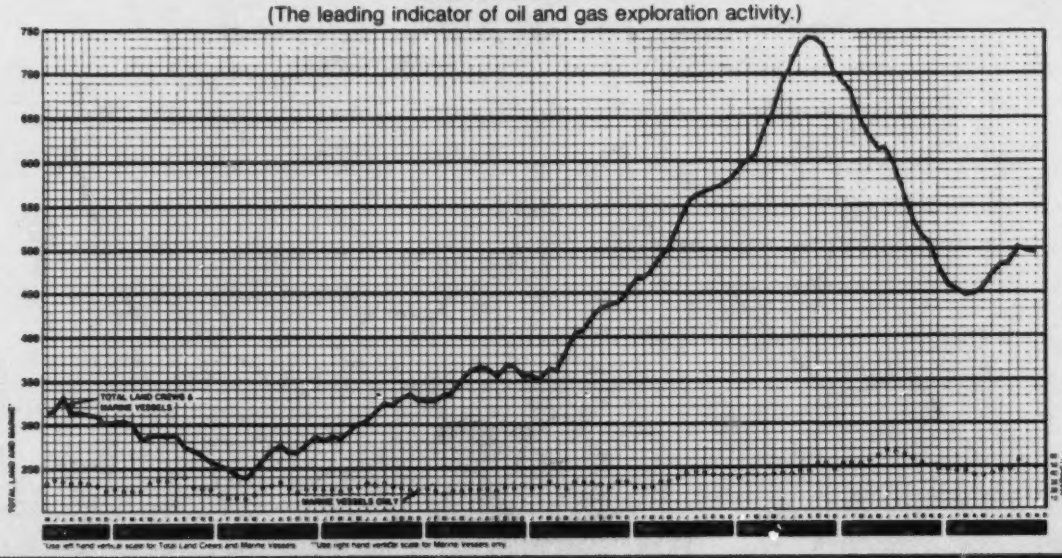
During November, seven contractors were operating nine of the 408 land crews and four of the forty-two vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Nov.'82	Nov.'81	Nov.'80	Nov.'79	Nov.'78	Nov.'77
	495	498	502	733	572	439	369	335

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1981	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1977	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1981	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1977
83 Contr's:	408	410	410	638	491	369	304	274	42	42	42	45	33	25	22	21
10 Oil Co's:	38	38	42	43	40	39	38	35	7	7	7	7	7	4	5	5
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0
Totals:	446	448	452	681	531	408	342	309	49	50	50	52	41	31	27	26

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

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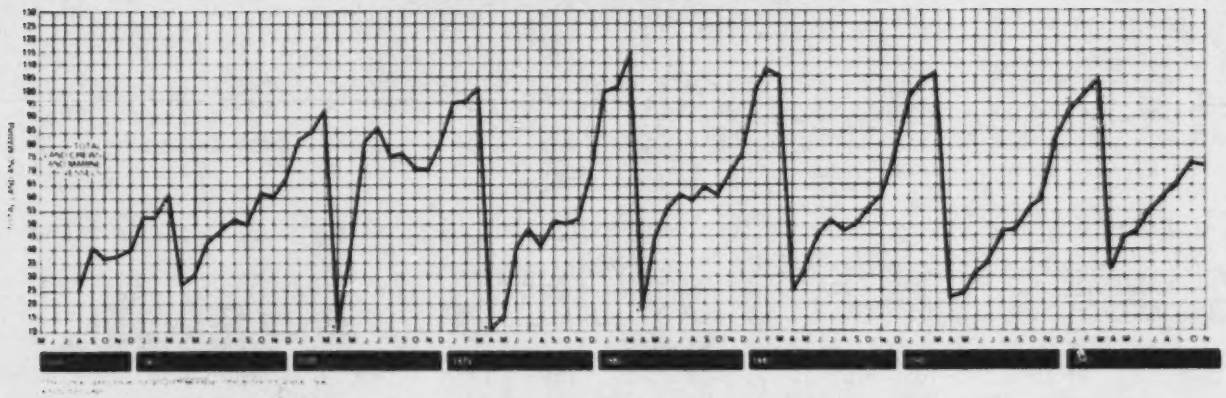
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

November, 1983 (October figures in parentheses)

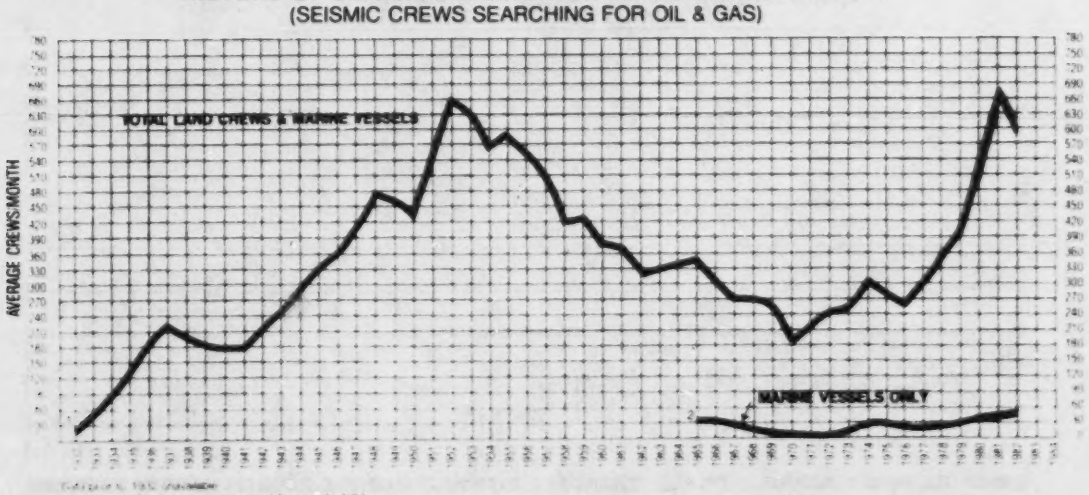
	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
25 Contractors:	67 (66)	3 (5)
2 Oil Companies:	3 (3)	0 (0)
Totals:	70 (69)	3 (5)

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was organized in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy. Both the U.S. and the international surveys are financed in part by a grant from the International Association of Geophysical Contractors.

HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION IN THE UNITED STATES
(SEISMIC CREWS SEARCHING FOR OIL & GAS)



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